GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:723
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LOSSES TO OIL COMPANIES DUE TO MALPRACTICES OF TRANSPORTERS
A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned - `PSUs ban transport by road` as appeared in the Indian Express on 5th June, 2000;

(b) whether the Government have assessed the loss incurred by the oil companies due to malpractices on the part of transporters:

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the persons involved therein; and

(d) the affect on the road transport companies due to this ban?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d):- The oil marketing PSUs had been advised by the Ministry to stop inter-state supply by road on receipt of reports of alleged sales tax evasion being resorted to by some customers. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case in the matter on 23rd May, 2000 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.